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SUBJECT: MEETING OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI MAYORS WITH
ACDA DIRECTOR

1. SUMMARY: ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE MET FOR 45 MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26 WITH MAYORS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI AND
DIRECTOR OF HIROSHIMA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ACCOMPANIED BY
JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER. MEETING WAS HARMONIOUS
EXCHANGE ON NEED FOR NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL AND IMPORTANCE
OF KEEPING WORLD FROM FORGETTING THE HUMAN COST OF THE
HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BOMBINGS. MAYORS GAVE IKLE COPIES
OF "APPEAL" AND A-BOMB DAMAGE STUDY THEY WILL PRESENT TO
UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM DECEMBER 1. JAPANESE PRESS REPS WERE
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PRESENT AND FILMED MOST OF THE MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. GORO OHUCHI, DIRECTOR OF HIROSHIMA PREFECTURAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR MAYOR MOROTANI OF NAGASAKI AND ARAKI OF HIROSHIMA, SAID THE MAYORS WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT GROWTH AND SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, WHICH WAS CONTINUING DESPITE PLETHORA OF UN RESOLUTIONS. FEARING FOR SURVIVAL OF MANKIND, THEY HOPED TO CALL ATTENTION OF UN MEMBERS TO THE URGENT NEED TO RID WORLD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO REMIND THEM OF

HUMAN COST OF THE BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. THIRTY-ONE YEARS AFTER BOMBINGS, THESE COSTS CONTINUED TO BE PAID IN RADIATION EFFECTS AMONG 350,000 SURVIVORS AND IN YET UNMEASURED GENETIC EFFECTS. DR. OHUCHI SAID MAYORS WOULD ASK SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO SEND SCIENTISTS TO HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI TO STUDY EFFECTS OF THE BOMBINGS AND, BASED ON THEIR FINDINGS, TO ISSUE NEW "WHITE PAPER" ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO SUPERSEDE THE ONE ISSUED BY U THANT IN 1967. DR. OHUCHI SAID MAYORS ASKED THAT US AND SOVIET UNION, AS THE TWO NUCLEAR SUPER POWERS, MAKE AN ESPECIAL EFFORT TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. DR. IKLE SAID JAPAN AND US SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR TWO IMPORTANT TASKS: TO KEEP THE WORLD, TWO-THIRDS OF WHOSE INHABITANTS WERE NOT ALIVE AT TIME OF THE BOMBINGS, FROM FORGETTING THE HUMAN IMPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR WAR; AND TO PRESERVE JAPANESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP, WHOSE ACHIEVEMENT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PEACE-MAKING, AND JAPANESE-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN PURSUIT OF EFFECTIVE ARMS CONTROL. HE SAID THE MAYORS' MISSION WOULD SERVE AS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER OF THE EFFECTS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. PRESENTING SEVERAL RELEVANT ACDA PUBLICATIONS, DR. IKLE TOLD MAYORS THAT US, LIKE JAPAN BUT UNLIKE CERTAIN OTHER NUCLEAR STATES, HAD PURSUED A POLICY OF MAKING PUBLIC THE FACTS ABOUT NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS. HE SAID WORK TO CONTROL NUCLEAR ARMS MUST GO FORWARD ON MANY FRONTS, NOT JUST AT THE UN. IN ITS STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, THE US WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEEKING TO LIMIT AND LOWER LEVELS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS PURSUING, IN COOPERATION WITH JAPAN AND OTHERS, EFFORT TO HALT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS.

4. DISCUSSION WAS AMICABLE AND HARMONIOUS THROUGHOUT. THE ONLY FAINTLY ACCUSATORY REMARK WAS A SINGLE REFERENCE BY OHIRA TO THE BOMBINGS AS A "FOOLISH ACT".

5. DR. OHUCHI GAVE DR. IKLE SEVERAL COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO SEC GEN WALDHEIM. IT HAS TWO PARTS: AN "APPEAL" FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS; AND A 60-PAGE REPORT ON THE EFFECTS OF THE HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BOMBINGS.

A. IN THE APPEAL, THE MAYORS, STATING THAT THEIR PURPOSE IS "TO REALIZE THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO REDUCE ALL ARMED FORCES AND ALL ARMAMENTS," CALL FOR: 1) A UN EXPERTS' STUDY OF THE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DISPOSAL OF

RADIOACTIVE WASTE, TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR ACTION BY THE CCD; 2) A UN FACT-FINDING COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EXPERIENCE OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI AND PREPARE A WHITE PAPER TO SUPERSEDE 1967 U THANT REPORT ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS EFFECTS; 3) THE APPEARANCE OF THE TWO MAYORS BEFORE THE CCD TO PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFECTS OF THE BOMBING OF THEIR CITIES; 4) PREPARATION OF TEACHING MATERIALS AND SPONSORSHIP OF A SYMPOSIUM AND RESEARCH BY UNESCO TO ASSURE THAT "THE BOMB EXPERIENCE" IS "HANDLED DOWN TO FUTURE GENERATIONS"; 5) AN EXHIBIT OF "A-BOMB DISASTER PHOTOGRAPHS" AT UN HEADQUARTERS, WITH SOME PHOTOS TO BE KEPT ON PERMANENT DISPLAY; 6) A CALL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON NUCLEAR STATES AND OTHER UN MEMBERS TO HOLD SIMILAR PHOTO EXHIBITS; 7) ATTENDANCE BY A UN REP AT THE ANNUAL PEACE MEMORIAL SERVICES IN HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. APPEAL IS COINED IN GENERALLY RESTRAINED, UNINFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE.

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60-PAGE DESCRIPTIVE, NON-POLEMIC REVIEW OF PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION AND MEDICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF BOMBINGS. PHOTOGRAPHS OF VICTIMS ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT TEXT BUT ARE NOT DRAMATICALLY DISPLAYED AND ARE CONSIDERABLY OUTNUMBERED BY OTHER GRAPHICS: AERIAL PHOTOS, PICTURES OF PROPERTY DAMAGE, ANALYTICAL DIAGRAMS AND CHARTS.

C. DEPT POUCHING DOCUMENT TO TOKYO. USUN SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN COPY FROM JAPANESE MISSION. ROBINSON

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